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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 12/12/2003 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 01/29/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

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A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

 Additional claim fees of \$36 as a small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$36 for a Small Entity

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$36
 - □ \$36 for 5 total claims over 20.

Items Required To Avoid Processing Delays:

The item(s) indicated below are also required and should be submitted with any reply to this notice to avoid further processing delays.

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